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TO : Management Officer, CIA

DATE: 28 July 1950

FROM : Assistant Director, OSI

SUBJECT: Realignment of Certain Agency Functions

REFERENCE: Management Officer's Memorandum dated 10 July 1950

1. OSI concurs in principle with the plan for realignment of certain agency functions as outlined in reference.

2. It is realized that there are certain inherent difficulties in connection with the transfer of the requirements function to joint control of OSI and ORE. A much better procedure would be to establish the Chief of Requirements in a staff unit above the "Office Level". However, there is at present no unit in the agency which is designed to handle the vital function of requirements planning and implementation. Joint control by OSI and ORE is the only solution at present and I am sure that both offices are prepared to work together to make the new unit a success.

3. Actually, there is a critical need for over-all planning of requirements. It is imperative that the collectors, particularly in CIA where services of common concern to all intelligence agencies are involved, obtain detailed priority requirements. The working out of detailed priorities and targets must be done at a centralized location with full working level coordination between representatives of the production offices and representatives of the collecting offices.

4. There is a further need for investigation of new methods of intelligence collection. The Requirements Unit, since it is in contact with both the users and collectors of information, could plan and recommend for implementation new methods which show promise and have the approval of interested parties.

5. It is hoped that eventually CIA will be in a position to coordinate all national intelligence requirements, and to direct the collection effort toward those objectives which are critical to our National Security. Development of a centralized unit within CIA is the first step in this direction. Full coordination will follow as the unit becomes operational and develops the necessary bond between the producers and the collectors of intelligence.

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